## **REMARKS**

By the above amendment, claim 3 has been amended to delete multiple dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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## APPENDIX MARKED-UP COPY OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

3. (Amended) Device according to [either one or the other of claims 1 and 2] <u>claim 1</u> characterised in that it is provided with a tubular packing seal (5) intended to be inserted in the final position between the cylindrical element (1), the sleeve (4) and the strips (9) of the coupling bushing (3).